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SUBJECT: BELGIAN AND SAUDI KINGS' DISCUSSION OF
JERUSALEM ISSUE

1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO TELEPHONED DELOFF
NOVEMBER 6 TO ADVISE THAT KING BAUDOIN IS, AT KING
KHALID'S INITIATIVE, DISCUSSING THE GENERAL ISSUE OF
JERUSALEM, INCLUDING THE RELATED UNESCO CONTROVERSY,
DURING BAUDOIN'S STATE VISIT IN JIDDA FROM
NOV 4 - 7. THE BELGIAN KING WAS BRIEFED ON THE UNESCO
ASPECTS OF CONTROVERSY OVER JERUSALEM ARCHAEOLOGICAL
EXCAVATIONS BY PROFESSOR LEMAIRE, THE BELGIAN CONSULTANT
TO UNESCO WHO HAS MADE SEVERAL REPORTS ON THE DIGS.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW
WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUSSELS AT THE
INVITATION OF KING BAUDOIN FROM NOV 12 - 14 SO THAT THERE
WILL BE A FURTHER EXCHANGE ON THE JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS
ISSUE.

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3. AMBASSADOR VAN USSEL NOTED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST
TIME HIS COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCH WILL BE
ENGAGED IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS OF A KIND THAT WOULD
NORMALLY BE THE DOMAIN OF BELGIAN OFFICIALS. HOWEVER,
KHALID REPORTEDLY WAS INSISTENT THAT THIS ISSUE BE
DISCUSSED BETWEEN PEERS.
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